



COUNTY OF ERIE

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Gerry Dahl
Chair

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ERIE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 25th, 2016

A meeting of the Erie County Planning Commission was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 25th, 2016 in the Admiral Room at the Raymond M. Blasco, M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front St., Erie PA.

Those in attendance were:

ECPC Executive Board Members:	Representing:
Carol J. Loll	County Council
Gerry Dahl	County of Erie
Jim Cardman	Fairview Township
Patricia Pfadt	Venango Township
Flory Kondzielski	Waterford Township
Charles S. Casey	Erie City
ECPC Members:	
Will Rogers	North East Borough
Luke Weldon	Springfield Township
Al Pernisek	Washington Township
Edward S. Kissell	County of Erie
John Kaufman	Cranesville Borough
Planning Department Staff:	
Katherine Wyrosdick	Director of Planning
Amy Murdock	CZM & Greenways Program Administrator
Rena Trapp	GIS Tech/Program Support
Christopher Friday	MPO Transportation Administrator
Brittany Prischak	Erie County Recycling Program
Guests:	
Amanda Blair	Fairview Township

Executive Board members present – 6 of 8; quorum attained.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gerry Dahl called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was given.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2015 MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of September 10th, 2015 as submitted by Charles Casey and
Seconded by Bill Kuhn. All members in favor, none opposed.

ECDP MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Several hand-outs were distributed at the beginning of the meeting, along with the Agenda. The first being, the first issue of the Erie Impact Newsletter, showcasing the Erie County Department of Planning in their new location, contact information, staff members, a mission statement, an explanation of program areas, current projects, and key dates for each program area. The ECDP using this newsletter to reach out to the community and each municipality, to keep them informed about the services they provide.

Rena Trapp and Christopher Friday were introduced and welcomed to the ECDP. Christopher is their new MPO Transportation Administrator and Rena Trapp will be providing support to all program areas located within the department.

It was announced that the Greenways Plan, Long Range Transportation Plan, and Hazard Mitigation Plan will begin this year. All of which, will be brought to the PC for review and adoption. Additionally, ZHB training will be brought to the County. Planning Commission training will be held at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS

2015 Member Terms

VACANT OR EXPIRED

Conneaut Township

City of Corry

Wesleyville Borough

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Board Nominating Committee Chair, Gerry Dahl, selected three new members for the 2016 nominating committee. The 2016 nominating committee members are: Jim Cardman, William Kuhn, and Charles Casey. They are to contact each executive board member, deliberate, create, and submit a report 10 days prior to the next Planning Commission meeting on April 14th. The report should include recommendations for executive board and officers.

Municipalities Matter survey results and next steps

Upon discussion of this item, it was found that more input from the municipalities will be needed in order to produce a report and identify strengths and needs of each municipality and determine a direction for moving forward, and decide how the Planning Commission can better serve the municipalities. Rena Trapp will be responsible for contacting the municipalities who did not respond and collect any missing data to be presented at the next meeting. Kathy Wyrosdick will also be attending the ECATO meeting in March for more input.

Erie County Recycling Program

Municipal Solid Waste Plan –was announced at the September meeting, but the quorum was not met. At that time, the Recycling Program was still waiting on the final draft document from the consultant. The Erie County Municipal Solid Waste Plan was adopted on January, 26th, 2016. This plan's purpose is to assess waste materials generated in Erie County and where it will and can be disposed. The plan reviews disposal options including: recycling, landfill disposal, reuse, etc. Also, a reminder of key dates for the Recycling Program are as follows:

- Waste Diversion and Composting Education Workshop-Registration Open Dates
 - For April Events - Monday, March 21, 2016, 8:00am
- Municipal Recycling Tonnage Reports Due
 - Friday, April 01, 2016 by 4:30pm, mailed or emailed to Erie County Recycling Program

Erie County Greenways Program

Applications for the Erie County Greenways grant are open from February 1, 2016 until April 18th, 2016 at 4:00pm. This program provides funding opportunities for non-profit organizations to improve the quality of life in Erie County throughout the preservation and enhancement of the region's natural, scenic, and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment. If awarded funding, the grant term will begin July 1st, 2016 and end June 30th, 2018. Applications and program guidance may be accessed at www.eriecountyplanning.org. Those interested may contact Amy Murdock by e-mail, amurdock@eriecountypa.gov.

OTHER BUSINESS / MUNICIPAL REPORTS

Al Pernisek with Washington Township discussed the issue that they are having at the Township recycling drop off site. There is too much recycling and illegal dumping occurring. Brittany mentioned that she is working with the Township on how to address this issue. They may use cameras in order to identify illegal dumpers as a way to help.

Mr. Edward Kissell inquired about status of EMTA. Carol Loll with County Council shared about the status of negotiations between County and the City of Erie. Bus routes have been added to the City of Corry and EMTA is looking at a route in West County to provide transportation into the City. It was proposed that the municipalities find better ways to reach out to the community concerning bus routes and try to increase rider patronage.

- CZM Grant Terms End-March
- Quarterly Zoning and Code enforcement officials meeting-March

ADJOURNMNT

With no further business, Mr. Charles Casey requested the meeting to be adjourned. Mr. William Kuhn seconded his request and the meeting was officially adjourned at 7:30pm.



2016 Erie County Greenways Grant Program

Grant Program

Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and the Department of Planning are pleased to announce the opening of the 2016 Erie County Greenways Grant Round. The Erie County Greenways grant program provides funding opportunities for projects that improve the quality of life in Erie County through the preservation and enhancement of the region's natural, scenic, and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment.

Applications and program guidance may be accessed at www.eriecountypa.gov/planning. Applications may be submitted to Amy Murdock, Planning Program Administrator beginning February 1, 2016 until April 18, 2016 at 4:00 pm. If awarded funding, the grant term will begin July 1, 2016 and end June 30, 2018. Applications may be submitted via email to amurdock@eriecountypa.gov, or a digital copy may be mailed to the Planning Department at the following address:

*Erie County Department of Planning
Attn: Amy Murdock
150 East Front Street, Ste. 300
Erie, PA 16507*

Traditional grant proposals may request funding up to \$50,000. The County is also offering a mini-grant program for project proposals requesting funding up to \$2,000.

Eligible applicants include local governments, incorporated nonprofit organizations, municipal or public authorities, educational institutions, conservation districts, and regional planning agencies. Project proposals may be for planning, acquisition, design, conservation, construction, development, repair, rehabilitation, or beautification of greenways, recreational trails, open spaces, natural areas, community conservation and beautification, or community and heritage parks.

Contact

For more information about the grant program or the application workshop, please contact Amy Murdock at 814-451-7328 or at amurdock@eriecountypa.gov.

Check out these Grant Opportunities!

Coastal Zone Management

- The application period will be August 2016 through October 2016
- <https://www.dep.state.pa.us/river/grants/grants.htm>
- Contact: Amy Murdock at 814-451-7328

DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2)

- The application period will be January 20, 2016 through April 13, 2016.
- <https://www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us/Dashboard/Grants>
- Contact: Erin Wiley Moyers at 814-226-2329 or at ewiley@pa.gov

DCED – CFA – Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program

- The application period will be March 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016
- <http://community.newpa.com/programs/greenways-trails-and-recreation-program-gtrp/>
- Contact: Ryan Emerson at 717-346-8191 or at ryemerson@pa.gov

DCED – CFA – Watershed Restoration and Protection Program

- <http://community.newpa.com/programs/watershed-restoration-protection-program-wrpp/>
- Contact: LeAnn Long at 717-346-8192 or at llong@pa.gov

Fish and Boat Commission

- <http://fishandboat.com/grants.htm>
- Contact: Scott Bollinger at 717-346-8916 or at scbollinge@pa.gov

Greenways Block Grant Program

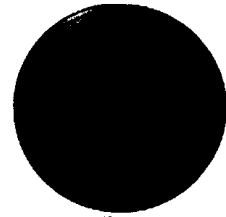
- <http://www.northwestpa.org/greenways-block-grant-program/>
- Contact: Sue Smith at 814-677-4800 ext.131 or at suesmith@northwestpa.org

Rails to Trails Conservancy – Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund

- <http://www.railstotrails.org/resource-library/resources/new-fund-launched-to-support-trail-development-projects/>
- Contact: Elizabeth Striano at 202-974-5155 or at Elizabeth@railstotrails.org



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**Erie County Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Plan 2015 – 2025
Overview as of February 25, 2016**

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The Erie County Municipal Solid Waste Plan

- Adopted by Erie County Council on January 26, 2016
- Purpose
 - Assessed waste materials generated in Erie County and where it will and can be disposed.
 - Reviews disposal options including: recycling, landfill disposal, reuse, etc
 - Identifies the process for disposing of solid waste generated in Erie County, and which landfills have the capacity to handle our waste over the next ten (10) years. Landfills must submit a disposal capacity proposal, which must be reviewed to make sure it meets DEP regulations and Erie County disposal needs.
 - Identifies priorities and goals to decrease trash and increase recycling activities over the next ten (10) years.
 1. Increase Commercial Recycling through increase enforcement of local ordinance mandating commercial recycling and an increase in annual reporting
 2. Develop and disseminate a comprehensive recycling education campaign which maintains a consistent message
 3. Decrease litter and illegal dumping issues in Erie County, specifically with cigarette butt litter
 4. Research the feasibility of large scale organics composting and collection in Erie County, specifically for grocery stores and restaurants
- Copy can be found at www.ErieCountyRecycling.com, under "Solid Waste"

Municipal Waste Flow Control and Reporting requirements

- Erie County Council passed Ordinance No. 1, 2016 "Amending the Erie County Municipal Waste Flow Control and Transporter Licensing Ordinance" on January 26, 2016.
- Restricts the disposal of solid waste generated in Erie County to only those landfills which have executive capacity agreements with Erie County.
- Requires Haulers to report recycling collected within Erie County separated by municipality and type of material
- Requires landfills to report Erie County generated solid waste disposed in their landfill
- Can also be found at www.ErieCountyPA.gov, under "County Council".

Executed Disposal Capacity Agreements for 2014-2023

- Advanced Disposal Services
 - Greentree Landfill
 - Chestnut Valley Landfill (Back-up Facility)
- Casella Waste Management
 - McKean County Landfill
 - Hyland Landfill (Back-up Facility)
- Vogel Holding
 - Seneca Landfill
- Waste Management
 - Lake View Landfill
 - Northwest Sanitary Landfill

Adding Landfills to Approved list

- Petition submitted to Erie County Recycling Program. Can come from
 1. Landfill to be included
 2. Municipality to add a landfill
 3. Hauler to add a landfill
- Currently working with Chautauqua County Landfill and Carbon Limestone Landfill. Both were issued our RFP for disposal capacity on February 3rd and February 10th, respectively. An executed disposal capacity agreement is required before haulers may dispose of Erie county generated at either of these landfills
- Process explained in Appendix B of the Erie County MSW Plan

Final Steps

1. Chautauqua County Landfill and Carbon Limestone Landfill are either approved or not to be a part of the Erie County MSW Plan, plan will be updated and issued to all municipalities for a 30 day comment period.
2. County Council will need to approved the updated plan
3. The MSW plan will be submitted to the PA DEP for final review and approval.